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Remarks

Applicants have amended the specification to update the priority information and to

identify each amino acid sequence with the appropriate Sequence Identification Number in order to

comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821 through 1.825.

Additionally, in the chart on page 19, line 25, the single letter codes for phenylalanine,

asparagine and tryptophan have been added because these amino acids are used in SEQ ID NOS:12,

21, 26-29, 32 and 35-37 and this row of abbreviations was inadvertently left out. Two tables were

inadvertently labelled as Table 5. The second Table 5 has been renumbered to Table 6. Table 6 has

been amended to add the Sequence Identification Numbers and decrease the width of the table to

less than five inches to comply with 37 CFR 1.58(c). In claim 15, line 43, a typographical error has

been corrected from "gcardiomyopathy" to "cardiomyopathy", which agrees with the spelling on

page 17, line 32.

On page 30, line 8, the sequence "PPPGMRRP" has been revised to correct a typographical

error. The seventh base should be a "P", as evidenced by the sequence to which it is referring in line

7, "PPPGMRPP".

On page 30, line 28, the sequence "PPPGRMPP" has two bases transposed. The sequence

has been revised to match the sequence to which it is referring in the protocol in the above

paragraph and on lines 24 and 29, "PPPGMRPP".

On page 43, line 18, the reverse primer was inadvertently listed as being the same sequence

as the forward primer. Page 43, line 1, states that the method of the invention is partially based on

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the assay of the cited reference, Saito, et al., J. Exp. Med. 169:2192 (1989). The reverse primer of

the invention has been corrected to reflect the reverse primer disclosed in the reference, which is

attached for the examiner's review.

On page 46, line 16, an additional repeat was added to the eleven repeat sequence

"GAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGA", because the twelfth repeat was inadvertently deleted

from the application. Support for this amendment is found at page 11, line 11, page 25, lines 26 and

29, and claims 8, 9, 19 and 20, wherein each occurrence of the glycine-alanine repeat sequence

recites 12 repeats.

Applicants have amended the claims as originally presented to identify each amino acid

sequence with the appropriate Sequence Identification Number in order to comply with the

requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821 through 1.825. Applicants have further amended the claims to

correct obvious errors of a typographical nature, including an error in numbering the claims as

originally presented and resulting errors in claim dependency. No new subject matter has been

added by way of this Preliminary Amendment.

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The claims as amended have been presented in recently revised format. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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